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GREENWOOD, - DELAWARE

DESCRIPTIONS.

EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS.

This season, as usual, I shall try to have a supply of Cabbage plants from Apr. 1 until Aug. 15.

The first Plants I shall have for sale are grown in Greenhouse, and transplanted and hardened in Cold Frames and will be ready to set in field about April 1st. Varieties are Early Jersey Wakefield, Winningstadt and Henderson Early Summer.

Price of Transplanted Plants, **50c per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.**

About May 10 I will have Early Cabbage Plants grown in open field, same varieties as transplanted plants, at **20c per 100; \$1.75 per 1000.**

I have a large trade in these field grown early plants, sending them to more northern sections in large quantities.

LATE CABBAGE PLANTS.

I grow late cabbage plants by the hundreds of thousands and ship them by mail and express in large quantities to other states as far away as Ohio and West Virginia.

For late cabbage plants I make sowings of seed at intervals of about two weeks, so as to have plants of proper size to set from May 15 until Aug. 15, of the following varieties: Danish Ball Head, Late Flat Dutch, All Season and Surehead.

Price of late cabbage plants: **20c per 100; \$1.50 per 1000,** except Danish Ball Head, which are **30c per 100; \$2.50 per 1000.** Seed of Danish Ball Head are scarce and very high this year.

EARLY TOMATO PLANTS.

I grow my early tomato plants in greenhouse, sowing the seed last of Feb. or first of March, and transplant plants into cold frames about Apr. 10, so that plants are ready to set in open field about May 5 to May 10.

Tomato plants cannot endure frost even when hardened, and should not be set in open field until danger of frost is past.

Varieties.

I have tested many varieties and have found none better than the following three:

Sparks Earliana. This is one of the very earliest varieties known. Medium in size, and fairly smooth for so early a variety. While this is not to be compared to some later ones, I can recommend it for the very earliest. Every one should set a few of these for fruiting early.

Chalks Jewell. This is a good second early variety, very smooth and perfect in form. Ripens about a week later than Sparks. Plant quite strong and continues to bear for a long time. Fruit not very large in size, color bright red. Everything considered, this is a pretty good early variety for family or market.

John Baer. This is by far the best early tomato I ever saw. The fruit is perfectly smooth, round, and solid, does not crack open, bright red in color, ripens all over at once. A good shipper. Is about ten days later than Sparks Earliana. Vine a vigorous grower and remains in bearing a long time. Any one cannot make a mistake in setting this variety either for market or family use.

Price of Tomato Plants: 75c per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.

LATE TOMATO PLANTS.

This season I will grow two varieties, same as last season, **Stone** and **Success**. The plants are grown in open field and are not transplanted, but are good strong stocky plants, grown from seed of my own raising and saved from the very best selected tomatoes. Plants will be ready about June 5th.

Price: 25c per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

CELERY PLANTS.

I do not grow early Celery Plants, but do grow many thousands of late ones and ship them hundreds of miles by express and mail to my large list of customers.

Varieties.

This season I will offer the following varieties, ready to ship about July 10: Giant Pascal, Winter Queen, Golden Heart and White Plume.

Price of Celery Plants: 25c per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

BEET PLANTS.

This season I will offer only two varieties of Beet Plants: **Crosbys Jumbo** and **Early Blood Turnip**. Plants ready about May 15.

Price: 30c per 100; \$2.00 per 1000.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS.

Gold Skin.—This is the most popular variety grown in this section. A tremendous yielder, a bright yellow skin and yellow clear through, very rich and good flavor, not quite so good a keeper as some others but can be kept all winter when temperature is right. I can recommend this as one of the very best for market or home use.

Up River.—This is a yellow variety, does not yield quite so well as Gold Skin, but is perhaps a little better keeper and for this reason is preferred by some. It is also claimed by some that this variety does not grow so large and sells better in market.

Red Nansemond.—This is the best red variety that I know anything about, very smooth, good shape, medium size, and a good keeper. For those who like a dry potato this is the very best in eating qualities. It does not usually sell quite so well in the city markets, as the yellow variety, but for home use it has no superior.

Prices of Sweet Potato Plants.

25 cts. per 100; \$2.00 per 1000. If ordered to be sent by mail add 12 cts. per 100 for postage. Plants ready about May 10.

EGG PLANTS.

This season I will have the same two varieties of Egg Plants as usual, as these are the best varieties I can find, namely: **N. Y. Purple** and **Black Beauty**. Both are purple in color, egg shape in form and heavy yielders. Black Beauty is just a little the earliest. The Egg Plant is a hot weather plant and should not be set in open ground until settled warm weather comes; even then it requires some skill to transplant and start them growing, but after they start they grow very fast and bear until frost.

Price of Egg Plants: **20 cts. per Doz.; 75 cts. per 100; \$6.00 per 1000.** Plants ready about May 5th.

PEPPER PLANTS.

Ruby King.—The most desirable and popular of the large mild peppers and in great demand in the city market. It is a brilliant red color and grows to a good size.

Chinese Giant.—One of the largest peppers grown. Fruit very handsome in appearance, mild and sweet. It is pronounced by all who know it to be one of the best.

Price of Pepper Plants: **15 cts. per dozen; 60 cts. per 100; \$5.00 per 1000.** Plants ready about May 5th.

How to Treat Plants on Arrival.

When plants arrive in a wilted condition, unpack them at once and put the roots into a bucket of cool water for an hour. They will generally revive and be in condition to set in ground.

STRAWBERRIES.

This season I have only four varieties of Strawberries to offer. These are all of the very best and I have a good stock of them—large, clean healthy plants of the following varieties:

✓ **Progressive**, “Everbearing”; **Joe Johnson**, Per.; **Chester**, Per.;
✓ **Kellogg’s Prize**, Imperfect.

Price of Strawberry Plants: **\$5.00 per 1000; 60 cts. per 100.**
All varieties same price.

NOTICE.

Owing to the unsettled condition of transportation, I cannot guarantee plants to arrive in good condition. Each customer must run his own risk of delay and loss in transportation.

READ BEFORE ORDERING.

Cash is required with all orders, and remittances should be made by Post Office Money Orders, Express Orders or Registered Letter. Stamps received for small amounts.

Orders may be booked in advance, held a reasonable time and sent on remittance.

How We Ship: Unless otherwise ordered, we usually ship all orders by Express, but large orders can be safely sent, early in the season by freight. If for only short distances can send small orders of small plants by mail in perfect safety. Purchasers to pay transportation charges in all cases.

Mistakes. I very seldom have any complaint on this line, as all possible precautions are taken to avoid mistakes. Notify me at once if your order is not properly filled and I will rectify all mistakes.

Packing. I make no charge for boxing and packing. All plants are delivered on cars at Greenwood at prices given.

Time to Order: It is best for purchasers to send their orders early and have them booked ahead as I am sometimes sold out of some varieties before the season is over.

STATE OF DELAWARE

STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Certificate of Nursery Inspection

Dover, Delaware, Sept. 12, 1918.

To Whom it May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Nurseries of S. C. Atherton at Greenwood, Sussex county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature, that may be transferred on nursery stock.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1919, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

Greenwood, Delaware.

Amt. enclosed—

Check \$----- Money Order \$----- Stamps \$----- Cash \$-----

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